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In re Application of:

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Foods Co., Inc.

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Title: MICROWAVEABLE COOKING  
APPARATUS, PRODUCT AND METHOD  
OF PREPARING MICROWAVED FOOD  
ITEM

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**CONAGRA FOODS REFRIGERATED FOODS CO., INC.**, a corporation, having a place of business at 2100 Butterfield Road, Downers Grove, Illinois 60515, the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in this patent application, under 37 C.F.R. § 3.71 hereby appoints all attorneys associated with:

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- ☐ is filed for recordation herewith; or
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To the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, title is in the assignee(s) identified above. Furthermore, the undersigned is empowered to sign this document on behalf of the assignee(s).

**CONAGRA FOODS REFRIGERATED FOODS CO., INC.**

Dated: 3/2/04

By:   
Dennis C. Gott  
General Counsel and Vice President



**DECLARATION  
Utility Application**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled MICROWAVEABLE COOKING APPARATUS, PRODUCT AND METHOD OF PREPARING MICROWAVED FOOD ITEM, the specification of which

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is attached hereto OR

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was filed on November 21, 2003 as United States Application Serial No. 10/719,400 or PCT International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

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Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Date of Filing	Priority Claimed	
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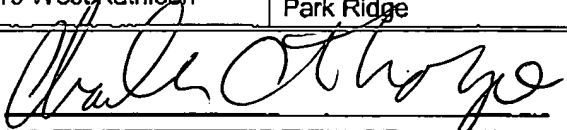
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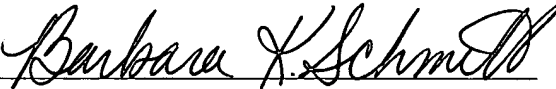
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